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1. On 19 May 1953, 6 T-34 tanks, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 12 x 76-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars and  field kitchen, all of Unit I, 12 JS-2 tanks of Unit II, and 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 3 BA-64 armored scout cars and 2 personnel carriers, all from the Adler Kaserne, were seen in Doberitz, marching to the training area for a practice. The units returned on 21 May. On 21 May, 300 troops of Unit I, equipped with gas masks, left for an exercise.

2. On 20 May, 32 T-34 tanks and 4 SP guns were seen on the road in Neues Lager; and, on 21 May, 6 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns were seen entering Neues Lager. 25X1

3. On 21 May, the Till-Bulenspiegel settlement was occupied by about 900 troops.

4. On 5 May, two large power shovels, which had come from the training area, were entrained at the Dallgow railroad station. (E-2)<sup>2</sup> 25X1

5. On 16 May, the Olympisches Dorf was occupied by Unit Kavallov, which numbered 300 to 350 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 9 and 15 May, no other activities than driving school practice were observed in the billeting area. On 12 May, about 15 driving school trucks,  entered the installation. On 16 May, the Olympisches Dorf, Doberitz, was occupied by Unit Popov, which numbered about 400 troops, who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Between 9 and 15 May, about 80 troops were constructing underground shelters. Four such shelters had been completed.

6. On 15 May, the Loewen Kaserne and the Adler Kaserne were heavily occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. From 8 to 15 May, about 70 to 80 soldiers almost daily engaged in drill and physical training in the barracks yard. On 15 May,  20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the Loewen Kaserne.

7. From 8 to 15 May, about 100 troops almost daily engaged in simulated attacks at the training grounds south of Hamburger Chaussee. On 12 May, troops observed engaged in service of the piece drill on two guns, which source believed were 45-mm AT guns. 25X1

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8. From 8 to 15 May, intensified training activity was observed at the training grounds northeast of Olympisches Dorf. Groups of soldiers were seen in simulated attacks; other groups, each of about 15 soldiers, received field training, and, on 12 May, about 12 soldiers received instruction on four 82-mm mortars.
9. During the morning of 11 May, a column of 8 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers; and 2 trucks, each occupied by about 30 troops, were seen on Rohrbecker Damm, coming from the direction of Rohrbeck. The column halted about 200 meters north of the Wustermark-Dallgow-Doeberitz road, with half of the column going on toward Finkenkrug and the troops from the remaining trucks, for a short time, practicing emplacement with the remaining four guns. Subsequently, they followed the other trucks. [REDACTED] On 15 May, 25X1 about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with submachine guns and equipped with four 2-wheel carriages, entered the Flak Kaserne, coming from the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee.<sup>1</sup>
10. On 5 May, two machines, which source believed were for excavating communication trenches, were loaded on two flatcars at the Dallgow railroad station.<sup>2</sup>
11. On 5 May, two caterpillar tractors with a wheel, about 3 meters in diameter, with dredging shovels, were entrained at the Dallgow railroad station. Source expressed the belief that they were trench excavators. The caterpillar tractors had a total width of 2.9 meters and tracks, about 50 cm wide. The operator of a railroad crane, which had been ordered there for the loading, stated that the device had a total weight of 20 tons. The caterpillar tractors were of Soviet make, whereas the inscription on the supports of the wheel indicated German make. The escorting 25X1 personnel included an officer and seven EM who wore black-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer insignia. [REDACTED] Between 5 and 7 May, a boxcar was loaded with potatoes and dispatched toward Neustrelitz; and another boxcar was loaded with empty boxes and sacks, which source believed had been used for ration supplies, and dispatched toward Fuerstenwalde, at the Dallgow railroad station. On 7 and 9 May, 9 boxcars from Fuerstenberg/Havel and 2 boxcars from Luebbenau, all carrying foodstuff, the latter 2 for Unit Kholobokhov, and 7 railroad carloads of coal were unloaded at the Dallgow railroad station.<sup>1</sup>
1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to this information, the following units of the 1st Meck Div are confirmed in their known quarters until mid-May: the 19th Meck Regt, referred to as Unit I; the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, referred to as Unit II; the division driver school (?), referred to as Unit Kavallor; and the 18th (?) Engr Bn, referred to as Unit Popov. The T-34 tanks seen in Neues Lager may belong to the 219th Tank Regt carried in Altes Lager; and the six 37-mm AA guns probably belong to the 1382d AAA Regt (US) stationed at Altes Lager. Source of paragraph 1 again reported 122-mm howitzers in the Adler Kaserne. However, further information by other sources is needed to no longer carry the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt in Altes Lager, but the Adler Kaserne. Lieutenant Kholobokhov (fnu) has been known as supply officer with the Hq 1st Meck Div.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The trench excavator has shovels, about 40 cm wide, and two side cutters, about 100 cm apart, permitting the excavation of a trench, about 40 cm wide at the bottom and about 100 cm wide in the clear and about 150 cm deep in one single operation. The drive of the shovel wheel allegedly is behind the main supports. The wheel is lowered by the chains. For a sketch of the trench excavator, see Annex.

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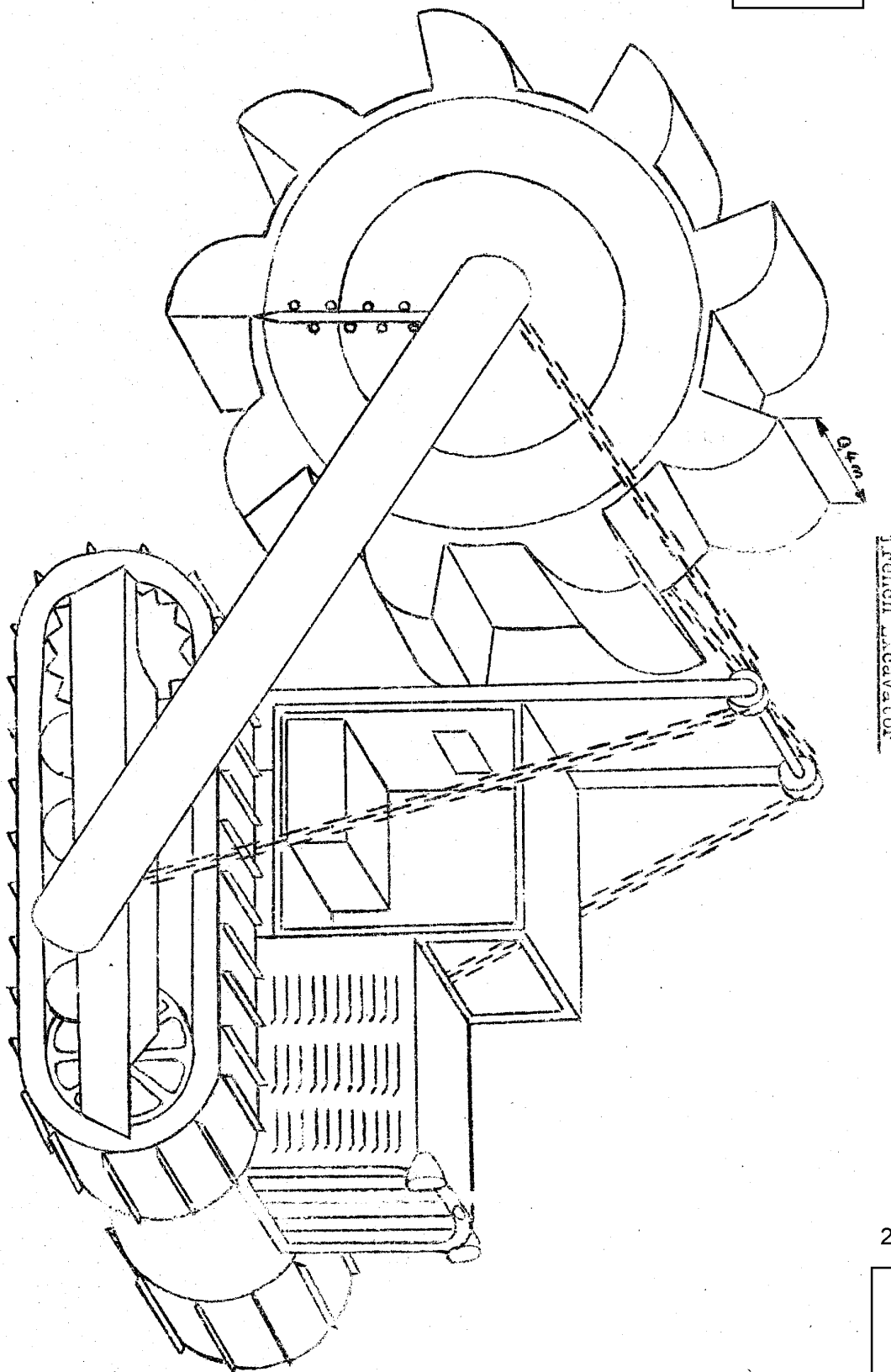
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